



## What a visitor of the marina can do

If the marina deserves the Blue Flag, please let us know.

If you notice shortcomings, please contact the person responsible for the marina, whose name you should find on the Notice Board near the «Blue Flag».

If his answer does not satisfy you, please contact the HSPN (blueflag@eepf.gr, tel. +30 210 3224944, +30 210 3314563) with whatever information you can give us.

The managers of the marinas, the visitors and we at the HSPN, should strive together to make our greek marinas ever better.



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## CRITERIA FOR THE MARINAS



MINISTRY OF  
ENVIRONMENT  
& ENERGY

AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "BATHING WATER MONITORING PROGRAMME":  
**Ministry of Environment & Energy**  
**Special Secretariat for Water**



Members of the National Committee: ● Ministry of Environment & Energy ● National Tourism Organisation  
 ● Ministry of Interior & Administrative Reconstruction ● Ministry of Maritime Affairs And Insular Policy  
 ● Archelon, The Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece ● Ministry of Economy, Development And Tourism  
 ● Central Union of Municipalities of Greece (KEDE) ● Hellenic Red Cross ● Volunteer Inspectors of Beaches and Marinas

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# The «Blue Flag» programme



The «Blue Flag» is a programme of environmental awareness and protection which is implemented every year, on a large scale, in 50 countries in Europe

and other parts of the world by the **Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE)**.

It aims at making marinas better and safer, while at the same time protecting their natural environment, so that we may always enjoy them.

The **Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature (HSPN)** is responsible for the programme in Greece. It is the oldest conservation organisation in the country and has been active in environmental education and the protection of nature since 1951.






It is not easy for a marina to be awarded the «Blue Flag». It must meet **24 strict criteria**, which have to do with the cleanliness of the marina, its organisation, the safety of its visitors, the protection of nature and environmental awareness. Even when a marina is awarded the «Blue Flag», it only keeps it that year and must prove that it deserves it for the following year. The inspectors of HSPN and FEE visit marinas throughout the bathing period and note any problems or shortcomings. Usually a short period of grace is given to correct them, but a marina may temporarily, or even permanently, lose its flag for serious deficiencies.

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## CRITERIA OF THE PROGRAMME

### Environmental awareness

-  Environmental information about nearby sensitive natural land and marine areas.
-  The Code of Environmental Conduct is posted in the marina.
-  Information about the Blue Flag Marina Campaign and the Blue Flag marina criteria are posted on the information board.
-  Environmental education activities.
-  The boat owners using the marina are informed about the Blue Flag Programme.



### Safety and Services


-  Adequate and well signposted lifesaving, first-aid and fire-fighting equipment.
-  Emergency plan in case of pollution, fire or other accidents.
-  Electricity and water is available at the berths.
-  Facilities for people with disabilities.
-  Map indicating the location of the different facilities is posted at the marina.

### Environmental management

-  Implementation of an environmental policy and plan at the marina. The plan should include references to water, waste and energy consumption, health and safety issues, and the use of environmentally friendly products.
-  Adequate and properly identified and separate containers for the storage of hazardous wastes (paints, solvents, boat scrapings, antifouling agents, batteries, waste oil, flares) which are emptied at regular intervals.
-  Sufficient rubbish bins.
-  Facilities for receiving recyclable waste materials.
-  Bilge water pumping facilities.
-  Toilet pumping facilities.
-  All buildings and equipment must be properly maintained in compliance with national legislation.
-  Adequate, clean and well sign-posted sanitary facilities.
-  Avoidance of liquid pollution (resulting from boat washing) entering the sewage system.
-  Promotion of environmentally friendly transportation.
-  No parking/driving in the marina is allowed.



### Water Quality

-  Visually clean water at the marina (no oil, litter, sewage or other evidence of pollution)

